expenditure of Rs. 528 lakhs for drinking water supply in urban areas.

(c) Central assistance given covers the period upto the end of June, 1988.

Financial assistance from Australian Government for fishery industry

3731. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Australian Government had offered financial assistance under a new scheme for the Indian fishery industry on Government to Government basis as reported in "The Hindustan Times" of the 8th November, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated financial assistance offered; and

(d) what are the terms thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, an Australian Delegation visited India from 1st—7th November, 1987 to identify opportunities for collaboration with various Indian fishery organisations in the country and to convey the compatibility of the Australia ship building industry in the manufacture of 35 meter fishing trawlers, transfer of technology and management and training programme.

(c) and (d) do not arise.

Allocation for social Welfare scheme in Rajasthan

3732. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently received proposals from the Government of Rajasthan under various Social Welfare schemes during the last three years; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals and the details of the allocations of grants given to Rajasthan during those years; year-wise scheme-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Proposals had been received from the Government of Rajasthan/voluntary Organisations in Rajasthan, for grant of funds under various Social Welfare Schemes, the details of the grants released during the past three years are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The Scheme-wise details of grants released by the Ministry of Welfare during the last three years are as under:—

(Amounts in lakhs)

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
A. *Handicapped Welfare:*	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(a) Scheme of Assistance to Organisations for Disabled Persons	5 52	7 24	6 45
(b) Scholarships for Disabled Persons	10 00	15 27	17 00
(c) Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting for Aids/Appliances	15 00	17 00	20 00
(d) Scheme of Subsidies on Purchase of Petrol/Diesel by disabled Persons owning Motor-vehicles	05	06	Nil

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
e) Scheme of District Rehabilitation Centres	Nil	15 60	No proposal received.
f) Scheme of Special Employment Exchanges/Cell	.19	.67	Nil
Social Defence.			
(a) Scheme for the Welfare of children in need of care and protection	7.26	3 67	15 57
(b) Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Educational work, for Prohibition, for Counselling and Rehabilitation of Alcoholics/Drug Addicts and other Victims of Social Crime	Nil	6.62	10.67
(c) Scheme of Prevention and Control of Social Mal-adjustment:	Nil	Nil	5.00
Organisational Assistance to Voluntary Organisations	Nil	3.90	2.40

Coconut cultivation

3733. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any rogramme to improve coconut cultiation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details there-f;

(c) what is the total hectares of and under coconut cultivation and the otal production of coconut during the last three years;

(d) whether any research was done to multiply the coconut hybrids for potential yield of oil, and

(e) if so, what were the findings of uch reasearch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Government of India through Coconut Development Board is implementing projects such as (i) roduction of Quality Planting Mate-.al; (ii) Expansion of area under oconut; (iii) Improving productivity f Coconut; and (iv) Improving Post arvest Processing of Coconut to improve coconut cultivation in the country.

(c) The latest available statistics of area and production of coconut in the country for three years are given below:

Year	Area (lakh ha.)	Production (million nuts)
1983-84	11.66	58 7.9
1984-85	11 83	6912.8
1985-86	12 09	6620 0

(d) and (e) The research undertaken by I.C.A.R at Central Plantation Crops Research Institute has resulted in standardisation of technique for production of hybrids especially DXT on commercial scale. The research work on Tissue Culture Technology for Multiplication of high yielding planting material has also been undertaken by the I.C.A.R.

Paper quota and advertisements to Registered Newspapers

3734 SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of newspapers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers of India;

(b) the number of Newspapers out of those which get paper quota from Government and advertisements through the DAVP; and

(c) what are the criteria for getting paper quota and advertisements through the DAVP?